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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In re application of:

Group Art Unit No.: 2142

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment mailed on February 4, 2003, which stated that the previous response was non-compliant because it did not provide a clean version of the amended claims. The previous response was a response to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2002. Provided below is a clean version of the claims amended in the previous response.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 11 as follows.

REJ

1. (Amended) A method of determining participants of a distributed operation in a distributed system, the method comprising the steps of:
registering in a name service participant data that identifies a plurality of participants that are participating in said distributed operation;